

COMMON INCIDENT COMMAND CENTER SITUATIONS

MEDICAL/INFECTIOUS WASTE

(May 2005)

Potential Contacts and/or Report Distribution: (BOLD = REQUIRED CONTACTS)

- **Regional Office, SWMP, and DHSS** (may also wish to contact the local county DOH—see listing in Section 15 of the HSERP)
- E-mail (January 4, 2005 memo on Guidance for EER E-Mail Messages) if an EER Response is made.

Duty Officer Considerations:

- Advise RP of clean-up responsibility.
- EER Response may be warranted. EER has done responses under this category to ensure safe and efficient cleanup has been conducted.
- Advise on site staff and local officials of sharps (needles) and nature of waste.
- Chlorine bleach might be considered as an option to help sterilize debris.
- DNR and DHSS have a Memorandum of Understanding for solid and infectious waste management (HSERP §15, Appendix C) wherein the regulatory responsibilities of each agency is discussed as well as instances where a joint effort is called for. If medical waste is discovered spilled or dumped in the St. Louis Metro area, BFI Medical Waste (314/381-5353) will respond to the site to remove the material.